

but also to countless others across our Nation.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Vicente Fox, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance which is anticipated, the Chair feels that the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

During the recess, beginning at about 10:48 a.m. the following proceedings were had:

□ 1048

JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY VICENTE FOX, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Bill Sims, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort His Excellency Vicente Fox, the President of the United Mexican States, into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY);

The gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS);

The gentleman from California (Mr. COX);

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE);

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER);

The gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE);

The gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER);

The gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON);

The gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON);

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT);

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST);

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ);

The gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO);

The gentleman from Arizona (Mr. PASTOR);

The gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS);

The gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. RODRIGUEZ);

The gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO);

The gentleman from California (Mr. BACA);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ORTIZ);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO);

The gentleman from California (Mr. BECERRA);

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIERREZ);

The gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD);

The gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. GONZALEZ);

The gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ); and

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS).

The VICE PRESIDENT. The President of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as a committee on the part of the Senate to escort His Excellency Vicente Fox, the President of the United Mexican States, into the House Chamber:

The Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE);

The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID);

The Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY);

The Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER);

The Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY);

The Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN);

The Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER);

The Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY);

The Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS);

The Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN);

The Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY);

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT);

The Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES);

The Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON);

The Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG);

The Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST);

The Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI);

The Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS);

The Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR);

The Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM); and

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK).

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, the Honorable Jesse Bibiano Marehalau, Ambassador of Micronesia.

The Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seat reserved for him.

□ 1100

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

The members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

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At 11 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m., the Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the President of the United Mexican States, His Excellency Vicente Fox.

The President of the United Mexican States, escorted by the committee of Senators and Representatives, entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, and stood at the Clerk's desk.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

The SPEAKER. Members of the Congress, it is my great privilege and I deem it a high honor and a personal pleasure to present to you the President of the United Mexican States, His Excellency Vicente Fox.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY VICENTE FOX, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

(Portions of the following address were delivered in Spanish, with a simultaneous translation in English.)